

May 28. By the Holland Mail which arrived this Evening, there are private Letters which say, the Grand Duke of Tuscany was elected Emperor the first of June, N. S.

Advices from Berlin say, that his Prussian Majesty has disgraced several of the best Officers in his Army, which has occasioned very great Discontent; and that it was believed he would very soon be obliged to retire with his Forces to Glogaw, the Austrians and Saxons being superior to him by 20,000 Men.

The Elector of Cologne has written a long and affectionate Letter to his Nephew, the Elector of Bavaria, with his own Hand; in which he highly commends his Conduct since the late Treaty of Peace, and most earnestly exhorts him to continue steady in his Engagements with the Court of Vienna and the maritime Powers.

By Letters from Dresden we are told, M. de Vaugrenan, the French Minister, did not seem at all surprized at the Conclusion of the Convention between the Courts of Vienna and Dresden, but contented himself with saying, His Master did not pretend to hinder the German States from forging or riveting their own Chains; but that whenever they found themselves oppressed again by that House, they would do well to carry their Complaints elsewhere, since they would scarcely be listened to at Versailles.

June 4. By our last Letters from the Hague we are informed, that the States were extremely pleased with the Assurances given them on the Behalf of his Britannic Majesty, by the Earl of Harrington; and at the same time declared their settled Resolution to neglect nothing on their Parts for the Support of the common Cause, and for reducing France to a safe and solid Peace.

According to a Dispatch received by the Baron de Reischach, her Hungarian Majesty's Minister at the Hague, they are in no Pain about the Election of the Grand Duke to the Imperial Dignity, having already secured for him seven Votes in the Electoral College. His Royal Highness will be at Francfort by the 25th of June, N. S.

Hague, May 8. The Earl of Chesterfield was Yesterday in Conference with the Deputies of the States General, to whom he delivered the following Memorial, by Way of taking Leave of their High Mightinesses.

High and Mighty Lords,
THE King my Master, upon permitting me to return to England, has expressly ordered me to renew to your High Mightinesses the strongest Assurance of his Esteem and Friendship.

It is happy for me, that a Commission so honourable imposes on me to easy a Duty.

A faithful Interpreter of the Sentiments of a sincere Friendship is, that I want not to borrow flattering Expressions, with which a feigned Friendship has Occasion to cloath itself.

A crafty Policy employs the most seducing Arts, in order to cover it's ambitious Design: It also sets every Engine at work to surprize your Confidence, or at least to lull you into a fatal Security: But true Friendship, such as that which unites the King my Master with your High Mightinesses, despises such mean Arts, and detests such low Tricks; it is simple and plain, and it's Language resembles it.

The strict Union of the two Nations is neither the Effect of any transitory Views, nor the Fruits of any accidental Situation of Things; but the unavoidable Consequence of our reciprocal and invariable Interest. Nature pointed it out to us by placing us as it has done; and an uninterrupted Experience of near an Age manifestly discovers to us, that our mutual Prosperity depends upon our Union. This Truth is so incontestable, that we ought to look upon those as our common Enemies, who pretend to make it in the least doubtful.

A near Neighbourhood is but too often a fatal Source of Jealousy and Discord; whereas we have the singular Happiness of being Neighbours in such a Manner as to procure each other infinite Advantages, without a Possibility of any Difficulties arising while we keep our grand Interest in View.

Such are the Ideas of the King; and so far as I am capable of judging, your High Mightinesses think in the same Manner. Who can be ignorant of it? Our Allies are sensible of it: Our Enemies have had Proofs of it. Europe has already frequently gathered the precious Fruit of our Harmony. What may they not still hope from it?

The Love of Liberty, which founded this Republic, and which has so often since signaliz'd it; that noble and generous Love still unites your Forces and your Councils to those of the King my Master. Animated with the same Spirit, and tending to the same End, your Efforts have no other Object than to re-establish and secure the public Liberty and Tranquility. What Design can be more laudable? What Work more worthy of a just and magnanimous Zeal? Pursue, high and mighty Lords, this View with your wonted Steadiness and Wisdom. Continue these Efforts without being discouraged; and may Heaven crown your Enterprizes with the Success which they deserve!

As to what regards me, high and mighty Lords, nothing could have happened more pleasing to me than to be charged a second Time with the Commands of the King to your High Mightinesses, especially upon the Business of concerting Means to fulfil the Engagements which I contributed to form here some Years ago.

I shall never forget the gracious Reception with which your High Mightinesses have both Times honoured me, and I shall acknowledge it whilst I have Breath: But if your High Mightinesses ever deign to think upon me, remember only my sincere Zeal for the common Welfare of the two Nations, my respectful Veneration for your Government, and, if I may be permitted the Expression, my tender Attachment for this Republic.

CHESTERFIELD.

At the Hague, May 18.

M. Van Haren, President of the Assembly, wished his Excellency a good Voyage, on the Part of the States. Their High Mightinesses have made him the ordinary Present of a Chain of Gold, with a Gold Medal, of the Value of 6000 Florins; and to his Secretary, one of the Value of 600.

ANNAPOLIS.

Extracts from the Votes and Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly.

August 23, A. M. The following Address was presented: To his Excellency Thomas Bladen, Esq; Governor of Maryland. The Humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,
YOU not being pleased hitherto to give us an Answer to a former Address of this House, requesting you would Order to be laid before us, by what Authority your Excellency and his Lordship's Council have caused to be Levied on the People of this Province, One Pound of Tobacco per Poll, we humbly presume to renew our Application to your Excellency for that purpose.

And we hope this Request will be the more readily complied with, as it is the Desire of the whole representative Body of the People of Maryland.

Edward S. Bates, Speaker.
P. M. Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Messages from his Excellency; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,
IN Answer to your Address wherein you desire to know by what Authority One Pound of Tobacco is assessed and levied on every taxable Inhabitant within this Province. The